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Applicant(s) Kerr-Conte et al.
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For: PROCESS FOR
OBTAINING
MAMMALIAN INSULIN
SECRETING CELLS IN
VITRO AND THEIR USES

Examiner: L. Blaine Lankford, Jr.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a process to obtain cells, classified in class 435, subclass 377, for example.
- Group II. Claim 14, drawn to a cell preparation, classified in class 435, subclass 370, for example.
- Group III. Claims 15-16, drawn to a method for treating diabetes, classified in class 424, subclass 93.7, for example.
- Group IV. Claims 17-18, drawn to an organ, classified in class 435, subclass 1.1.

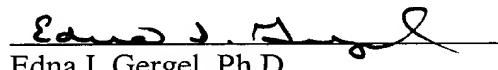
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of Group I (claims 1-13), without traverse.

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Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected Groups in divisional applications.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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